#### AMBERG DEBORAH A

Form 4

November 09, 2011

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

11/08/2011

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

AMBERG DEBORAH A	Symbol ALLETE INC [ALE]	Issuer  (Check all applicable)							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 30 WEST SUPERIOR STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/08/2011	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  SrVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary							
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	<ul><li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li><li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li></ul>							
DULUTH, MN 55802		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City) (State) (Zip)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
(Instr. 3) any	on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  /Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  (A) or	f (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)							
Common Stock 11/08/2011	M 1209 A \$	9.79 8,718.02 (1) D							
Common Stock 11/08/2011	M 1,209 A \$23	3.79 9,927.02 D							

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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2,418 D

7,509.02

9,451.63 (2)

D

By RSOP

Trust

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.79	11/08/2011		M	1,209	(3)	01/02/2012	Common Stock	1,209
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.79	11/08/2011		M	1,209	<u>(4)</u>	02/03/2013	Common Stock	1,209

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships					
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## **Signatures**

Ingrid K. Johnson for Deborah A. Amberg

11/09/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan, based on plan information available as of October 31, 2011.
- (2) Includes shares acquired in exempt transactions under ALLETE's retirement savings and stock ownership plan (RSOP) and is based on RSOP plan information available as of October 31, 2011.
- (3) The option vested in three equal installments on January 2, 2003, January 2, 2004 and January 2, 2005, respectively.
- (4) The option vested in three equal installments on February 3, 2004, February 3, 2005 and February 3, 2006, respectively.

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